

To whom it may concern,

As an end-user of VoIP equipment and services and a consultant in the IT industry, I feel it is my duty, and most of my colleagues echo my concerns, to make my opposition to any kind of mandated 911 service in the VoIP realm known.

The main reason is that most of the VoIP users I know also have another form of telephone device, be it another land-line or a cellular phone, and do not wish to pay additional fees for equipment and/or services related to 911 service.

Also, as a WiFi Access Point owner and user, I do not wish to pay additional fees in regards to make those devices "location aware". What's more, I feel that such an addition would be an intrusion on my privacy and could easily be abused.

Finally, I believe that market forces, not laws, can and will drive the availability of 911 services, if the end users demand it.

In conclusion, mandated 911 services for VoIP are at best superfluous and at worst a grave privacy and cost concern. Let the markets work!

Thank you,

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